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of this year, withdraw my motion, change the name and try and convince whoever the new Director of Policy Research is that they ought to make requests for more staff through the appropriations process as opposed to through the A bill process, and maybe have the counties and the cities and the school boards once more complain about the kind of difficulties in distribution of funds through the new federalism, be a little more articulate to members, and then I think we can focus on the issue as opposed to some of the other issues that have been raised. With that, I withdraw my motion to raise the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Doyle, for what reason do you rise?

SENATOR DOYLE: An inquiry of the Chair. Does Senator Newell's request to withdraw the bill require unanimous consent, or may he merely withdraw?

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, he may withdraw it.

SENATOR DOYLE: Well, I would object if it did because this is the third time that he has pulled this tactic and I think he has wasted a lot of our time in this session thus far.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion is withdrawn and we will continue back where we were before. Senator Pirsch, for what reason do you rise?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: State your point, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Mr. Speaker, thank you, and members of the body, I would just like to state that on March 4th we had an epic event in the Legislature and probably no other debate raised as much smoke and hot air as the great no-smoking rule in committee debate, even some sparks. Now, almost a third of us were snuffed out, so to speak, by this rule, but almost a week has gone by and I guess we have survived. So to the victors belong the spoils and I want to participate in that, so I have some mementoes of that infamous day for those successful leaders who assaulted and raised our consciousness about smoking in committee. So to Senator VonMinden I would like to present a T-shirt and a gravedigger smoker's hat for your brave leadership in this event. And, Senator Newell, if you will forgive me, to continually remind you of what we smokers had to give up, I would like to present one to you too. Now, of course, you realize we have no....that's great, and we have no dress code, you know, in the Legislature, so I expect